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## BRAINS AND HAIR ON LOADED STICK

May Have Been Used by Murderers of Claude Bass.

Found Concealed in Room in the New Richmond Hotel and Given to Police.

### VERDICT OF CORONER'S JURY.

Covered with blood and brains, a loaded stick was found wrapped in a quilt in a drawer of the bureau in room 36 at the New Richmond house.

It has been turned over to the police who think it undoubtedly was used in murdering Claude Bass, who was found on North Sixth street last Wednesday morning with his skull crushed.

The stick was found last night at 10 o'clock by two guests of the New Richmond house, a man and his wife, Colonel Dale, owner of the New Richmond, assigned them to room 36, which is one of the best rooms. The cool spell was directly responsible for finding the weapon. In the night the man got up to get a quilt as it was cool with the light summer covering on the bed. He opened a drawer in the bureau, took out a quilt and began to unfold it. The stick then fell out to the floor.

Realizing that he had uncovered a weapon used in some crime he immediately notified Colonel Dale, who comprehended in a moment that he had discovered a valuable clue for the police.

It is known who occupied room 36 every night since the tragedy. The police have selected one of the occupants as the person who secreted the stick in the bureau drawer. If the one they think committed the crime, or assisted in committing the crime, is the right man, he stayed in Paducah several days after the atrocious murder. It was hot weather when the crime was committed and for four days afterward. The murderer naturally might suppose that wrapped in a quilt it would be many days and possibly several weeks before more cover would be needed on the bed. So he placed it where it was found. But before he secreted it he tried to scrape some of the tell-tale evidence of human blood and brains which covered the stick. He did not succeed in that completely.

There is a side line of theory possible in speculating on the presence of the stick in the bureau drawer. The nature of the stick would indicate that no novice did the work. The stick could have been hid in the bureau drawer of this room as a blind to mislead the police, casting suspicion on an innocent man. But reasoning in a straight line, all evidence points to an occupant of the room last week.

### Go to Grand Jury.

All evidence possible to collect in the Claude Bass murder mystery is being secured by the police and will be taken directly before the grand jury at its sitting Monday. This announcement was made yesterday afternoon after the coroner had held the inquest and a verdict rendered. The verdict is one practically of murder, but the "parties unknown" make it impossible to take an immediate legal action.

Chief of Police James Collins is keeping his cards well concealed and established just as much as he wanted to yesterday at the inquest. In fact, a half dozen women, who reside in the neighborhood of Sixth and Terrell streets, had been summoned at the city hall to testify at the inquest, but they were sent away without being heard.

It is stated that when the grand jury meets they will be given an opportunity to tell how much or how little they know.

The facts that cries of distress were heard by more than one witness at a late hour that night, and pleas for mercy followed and then blows and groans is sufficient that Bass met his death in that neighborhood, and some one knows about it, the police are sure. The best methods to get at this are being employed and Chief Collins will have abundance of good material for the grand jury to work on.

### The Inquest.

Following is the verdict of the coroner's jury:

"We, the jury empaneled and sworn to inquire into the death of the body now lying before us, and from the evidence that said body is that of Claude Bass, and that he came to his death in Paducah, Ky., on Wednesday, Aug. 22, 1906, from blows in-

By the consent of the people of Paducah, The Sun has the largest circulation in the city and county. The average for July was 4192 a day.

### TO ENFORCE OHIO 2-CENT FARE.

Commissioners Meet This Week—Pennsylvania Adopts Change.

Pittsburg, Aug. 28.—It is announced here that a meeting of the Ohio railroad commission has been called for the coming week, the intention being to take up the question of applying the 2-cent fare law to interstate traffic on Ohio roads at once.

## BLOODY THUMB

PRINT ON WALL A CLEW TO MURDER MYSTERY.

New York Has "Jack the Ripper" Crime Among Lower Class—Paramour Is Arrested.

New York, August 28.—A "Jack the Ripper" murder was committed in the Bowery district early today. The only clue is a bloody thumbprint. The victim was Anne Moore, who for many years lived in illicit relationship with her brother-in-law James Moore. The police say Moore's wife is living. He was arrested on suspicion. Moore claimed he found the terribly murdered body of the woman when he returned to the rooms, and informed the police. The thumb-print will play an important part in the case.

### Coldest August Day.

Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 28.—Frost was reported in Iowa lowlands today for the first time this season, although it is not thought that the great Iowa corn crop will suffer damage because of it. The mercury dropped as low as 40 at Cedar Rapids and Creston, the coldest August day for fifteen years. Charles City reported light frosts, although the temperature was 42.

## CROWN LANDS

WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY CZAR IN TWO PROVINCES.

Anti-Jewish Agitation in Warsaw Is Threatening—New Government for City.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 28.—Threats to exterminate the Jews of Warsaw are made by soldiers of the Polish capital in revenge for the killing of the officers of the Russian army. The threats are causing Jews to flee from the city in a panic. There seems to be plenty of authority for the report that a massacre of Jews is probable. Further news from Warsaw is eagerly awaited.

### Trepoff for Warsaw.

Warsaw, Aug. 28.—It is reported that General Trepoff, the "Donated" suppressor of revolutionists in St. Petersburg, will be appointed governor general of Warsaw. He is considered the only man capable of dealing with the reign of anarchy which prevails here. Murder goes practically unchecked and lesser crimes are committed with great frequency.

### SHOT TO DEATH BY A MARSHAL.

Miner of Booneville, Ind., Terrorizes Neighbors and Is Slain.

Booneville, Ind., August 28.—William Woods, a coal miner, who was terrorizing his neighbors today, was shot and killed by Marshal Charles Schave. The marshal was summoned to Woods' home by the miner's wife, and when he arrived was met at the door by Woods, who, ax in hand, threatened to kill the officer. Schave retreated across the street and when he reached the opposite side fired three shots, which resulted in the death of Woods two hours later. Schave gave himself up but is still doing police work.

### \$50,000 Church Burns.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 28.—Fire this morning destroyed the First Church of Christ, recently purchased by the Catholics, and in process of remodeling for a cathedral. The loss is \$50,000.

## CHANGE IN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

George Langstaff May Succeed President Rinkleff.

Large Number of Street Improvement Contracts to Be Let Tomorrow Afternoon.

### NEWS FROM THE CITY HALL.

It is reported at the city hall that John W. Rinkleff, president of the board of public works, will resign from the board some time this week. Mr. Rinkleff is in Cairo today and the report could not be verified.

Mr. Rinkleff is the second president of the board, succeeding the late E. P. Noble, when the latter resigned. During Mr. Rinkleff's short term the city has been doing a large amount of public work, and he has been diligent in urging the contractors to hurry the improvements.

Mayor Yeiser said this morning, when seen about the report, that the resignation of President Rinkleff has not been placed in his hands.

It is said that Mr. George Langstaff, of the Langstaff-Orme Manufacturing company, may be chosen to succeed President Rinkleff.

### Street Contracts.

The board of public works will have its hands full tomorrow letting street contracts. There are eight all-told to be let tomorrow, counting the street and side-walk contracts, separately, and four more to come a week later. Those to be let tomorrow are for First street with side-walks, Broadway to Washington street, Washington street, sidewalks, from First street to Third street; Second street, with side-walks from Washington street to Kentucky avenue. A side-walk contract on Jones street between Ninth and Tenth street, will be let tomorrow, too. The board will hear complaints, have a talk with contractor relative to pushing work now in progress and look after improvements generally. The board desires to have all public work on streets finished before the inclement weather sets in.

### Finance Committee.

The finance committee of the general council, will meet Friday night and all persons having bills against the city will have to hand them in before 5 o'clock in the afternoon on that date, or they will have to go over two weeks.

### Hospital Finances.

City Auditor Alex Kirkland was asked yesterday by the hospital board to procure a financial statement of the institution for the first seven and a half months. The report shows that a total of \$3,128.58 has been taken in and \$7,200 expended out of the appropriation. The report is favorable to the management of the hospital which is rapidly making the institution one of the best and most popular in the state.

### MILWAUKEEAN IS FOUND DEAD

Body of Paul Meissner, Who Disappeared Friday, Taken From River.

Milwaukee, August 28.—The body of Paul E. Meissner, treasurer of the Meissner-Berwall company, was found in the river above the dam today. Mr. Meissner disappeared Friday night and his relatives had been searching for him since. While at Blatz park with the other members of the Bleifeld Kegel club he became greatly excited at what he fancied was an insult. Soon after he left the party and was not seen again. His intimates say that he had been affected by the severe heat of last week and it is believed that he accidentally walked off the dock into the river. Mr. Meissner was a bachelor and 42 years old.

### IMMENSE CHIMES

And Mrs. Longworth Open Cincinnati Fall Festival.

Cincinnati, Aug. 28.—Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth opened Cincinnati's fifth fall festival today. She touched a gold button in Music Hall, which sent the current of electricity to immense chime bells suspended over Elm street. When the echoes of the chimes died away Joyland in Washington park and Music Hall, which is devoted to the industrial exposition, were thrown open to the public. The festival will continue four weeks.

## REFORM IS SLOW IN TAKING HOLD

Supt. Lieb Says President's Dictum Will Not Do It

New Generation With New Spelling Books and Dictionaries Needed.

### OPINIONS FROM COLLEGES.

"If spelling reform comes it will have to come through reform in the spelling book and dictionaries, instead of through executive orders," was the opinion expressed by Prof. C. M. Lieb, superintendent of the city schools this morning. "Of course, President Roosevelt can adopt any system of spelling he desires in the executive department," Professor Lieb continued, "just as many establishments, especially periodicals, do; but that will not do much toward bringing about the general adoption of the method. It may be that some time the spelling of some of the words—I think not all of them—will be changed, but that period is so remote that we all will be gone when it comes. Catalogue, programme and many other words were changed in their spelling nearly 20 years ago, but I still cling to the full form and many others do. That shows how slowly such reform is accomplished. We have learned to spell one way and we have not time to learn a different way. The absolute reform will have to come with a generation that never knew any other way of spelling from the new, and that has dictionaries containing the new method."

### College Opinions.

New York, Aug. 28.—A dispatch to a morning paper from Northeast Harbor, Me., says: Harvard will not stand for the Carnegie-Roosevelt innovation, according to President Eliot, who is stopping here. Mr. Eliot says the new style of spelling does not in the least appeal to him. "I suppose that President Roosevelt has a right to write his messages in any style of orthography to which he may incline," he remarked, "but I think it will be a long time before such a style as that proposed becomes very popular or takes a great hold upon the public."

"I do not myself care for it, and it is my opinion that the same view is held by the majority of leading educators. There are some distinguished men, such as President Butler, of Columbia, who have long favored it, but I do not see that their work has brought much of accomplishment."

"The English will hardly adopt this new system," he said. "It will mean that not only the publishers would be obliged to make two sets of plates, but that all the present plates of standard and popular works would be rendered incorrect and without value. It would be found that the public will not like the looks of 'thru' and 'tho' and words similarly spelled."

### Fine for Advertising.

New York, August 28.—President Roosevelt's simplified spelling reform has taken hold with a vengeance. Many business firms have adopted it in advertisements and correspondence. A rush for simplified spelling primers is being made. Printers are ordered to prepare 15,000 extra copies. Publishers of school books doubtless will endeavor to have new spelling in schools, as it would necessitate the publication of millions of new books. The change hardly will be inaugurated this year.

## NO CANDIDATE WILL BE NAMED

Princeton, Ky., August 28.—The Republican executive committee of the First congressional district, met here today and decided to nominate no one for congress. There are no contests to be settled and as the Democratic state primary will bring out a big party vote, it was thought inadvisable to name anyone for the empty honor in the First.

### PROBES INTO MILWAUKEE MEAT

Secretary Wilson Inspects Condition of the Packing Houses.

Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 28.—Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson arrived here and in company with Dr. Bahnke, chief of the local meat inspection bureau, visited several of the packing houses in the city.

WEATHER:—Fair tonight and Wednesday. Wednesday warmer. The highest temperature reached yesterday was 79 and the lowest today was 60.

### DEADLOCK IN OHIO DISTRICT.

Youngstown Republican Convention Takes 250 Fruitless Ballots.

Youngstown, Ohio, Aug. 28.—The Eighteenth district Republican convention, called to nominate a successor to Congressman James Kennedy adjourned today after taking 250 fruitless ballots, and will meet again at Salem.

## GRADERS

PASS ON 300 HOGSHEADS OF TOBACCO.

They Came One Day Ahead of Time and Visitors Are Disappointed in Plans.

J. T. Myles, of Mayfield, Tom Edwards, of Clarksville, and Mr. Buckner, of Hopkinsville, graders for the Dark Tobacco Growers' association, were in the city yesterday on business connected with the association. They graded 300 hogsheads of tobacco. The grading was to have taken place today but the graders arrived a day ahead of time.

W. A. Pewitt, J. W. Jolly and J. B. Slayton, warehousemen of Fulton, and W. B. Blakemore, of Martin, Tenn., were in the city today to witness the grading process, but they were a day too late.

### Big Broom Corn Crop Ready.

Sayre, Okla., Aug. 28.—The first broom corn of the present crop to be marketed in Oklahoma was sold at Sayre yesterday by George H. Pendleton, and brought \$55 a ton. The territory will harvest its biggest crop of the crush this fall, and buyers are coming in droves from the east to bid on it.

## SEVEN MILLION

AMOUNT INVOLVED IN FAILURE OF PHILADELPHIA CONCERN.

Big Real Estate Trust Company and Dead President's Affairs in Bad Shape.

Philadelphia, August 28.—Investigations of the Real Estate Trust company and the estate of the dead president of the company disclosed a serious state of affairs. A meeting of representative banks and trust companies was held this afternoon to determine whether aid should be supplied. The deposits of the company aggregate \$7,500,000.

The Real Estate Trust company closed its doors this afternoon.

### CELEBRATE SAUERKRAUT DAY

Ackley, Iowa, Will Hold Big Shredded Cabbage Festival Sept. 26.

Ackley, Iowa, August 28.—The erroneous report has been circulated that September 19 is the date set for the celebration of Sauerkraut day in this city. The shredded cabbage festival will be held on September 26, however, instead of September 19. Preparations have been made on a big scale to entertain the crowds which are expected here on that date. All the neighboring country joins with the Ackleyites in honoring the great Dutch dish, and at each of the two previous celebrations from 4,000 to 6,000 persons were in attendance.

### Crown Lands for Peasants.

Washington, Aug. 28.—The state department is informed by cable today from Spencer Eddy, Charge d'Affairs at St. Petersburg, that the czar has decided to place the crown lands in the provinces of Archangel and Zolgota at the disposal of the peasants.

### Young Farmer Dead, Money Gone.

Kokomo, Ind., Aug. 28.—Gideon Langley, a young farmer, was found dead on the railroad track this morning with indications of foul play. He left town with about \$30 and no money was found on the body.

## EFFORT TO BREAK DEADLOCK FAILS

Trustee Henry Gallman Will Not Pesign.

Report Circulated That President McBroom Offered His Seat in Council Board.

### NO SOLUTION TO DIFFICULTY

Efforts to settle the break the deadlock in the school board over the election of Miss Emma Morgan to the position of English teacher, so far have proven unavailing, and the indications are that nothing will be accomplished at the meeting tonight, as the deadlock over this one position seems to interfere with the performance of all the other duties of the board. Propositions to leave the settlement of the deadlock, in turn to the board of police and fire commissioners, various city officials and finally to all the former school trustees in the city have met with objection.

The latest report is that President McBroom, of the board of councilmen, intended to resign his position, which was tendered to School Trustee Henry Gallman, who, of course, in that event would have to resign from the school board. Mr. Gallman voted to adopt the report of the committee, and his resignation would leave the board standing six to five in favor of electing Miss Morgan to the position in the English department. He refused to make the change and the matter has been dropped.

It is well-known that President McBroom does not intend to be a candidate for re-election to the board of councilmen, but just how he could give up his place to Henry Gallman has caused some speculation. Mayor Yeiser has the appointive power and on the resignation of Councilman Dipple named a Democrat. It was supposed he would follow the same course, if any other Republican councilman should resign.

Mayor Yeiser denies that he has offered anybody a place on a contingency such as suggested and says that he never in his whole career has promised any man an appointment.

Concerning the episode President McBroom said:

"I do not intend to be a candidate to succeed myself, but what passed between Mr. Gallman and myself was confidential. He will not resign from the school board, though. He told me that flatly."

### Mr. Gallman's Statement.

"Last Friday at noon Mr. McBroom came to me and told me if I would accept his place he would resign from the board of councilmen, as he does not intend to run again. We both live in the First ward. He intimated that I would not have to resign from the school board, but I knew what would happen—as soon as I accepted a place in the council I would be out of the school board. Then they could elect Mr. McBroom or anybody they wanted and do as they please."

"I told Mr. McBroom I would think it over and Monday I met him down town and told him I would not give up my place on the board. He asked me why, and I told him I did not like to desert my friends, and I could not see much in belonging to the council so short a time. He said it would be a start toward re-election, but I thought differently. He asked me if I was prejudiced against the general council and if that was the reason I refused to take the place. You know the council refused to renew my saloon license. I told him no, that I have great respect for the body, but thought I would only prejudice my own interest by taking a seat. He said he thought that I would do myself some good by accepting."

"It did not strike me that way, and I decided to stick by my side and do what I think is right. Then, if the people do not like the way I have done, they can vote against me. There is nothing in either office to fight for personally, anyway."

### SUFFERING GAMING.

Charged Against Olympian Springs Company.

Owingsville, Ky., August 28.—The commonwealth's attorney has brought suit for \$1,000 against the Olympian Springs company on the charge of suffering gaming. The offense is a felony. The company will be prosecuted.

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